

Amendment
Serial No. 10/694,456

Docket 5000-1-472

REMARKS

Entry of this amendment, reconsideration of all grounds of rejection, and allowance of all the pending claims are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks. Claims 5-8 and 13-15 remain pending in the application. Claims 5 and 13 are independent claims, with formerly independent claims 6 and 14 now respectively depending from claims 5 and 13.

At the outset, Applicant notes with appreciation the indication in the Office Action that claims 5, 13 and 15 are allowed. Claim 13 has been amended to remove a minor informality. Claim 6 has been amended to depend from claim 5, and claim 14 has been amended to depend from claim 13, which also places all of the pending claims in condition for allowance at least for dependency from an allowed based claim.

Claims 6-8 and 14 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (AAPA) (shown in FIGs. 1-2) in view of Farmer *et al.* (US patent 7,184,664).

Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) are now moot in view of the amendments to claims 6 and 13.

Applicant submits that for all the foregoing reasons, all grounds of rejection in the Office action are moot and all the pending claims are in condition for allowance. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested as soon as possible.

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Should the Examiner deem that there are any issues which may be best resolved by telephone communication, please contact Applicant's undersigned Attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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